

**REMARKS**

Claims 6-9 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 6-9 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, allowable dependent claim 6 is rewritten in independent form, incorporating the subject matter of claims 1, 2 and 4. Similarly, allowable dependent claim 7 is rewritten in independent form, incorporating the subject matter of claims 1, 3 and 5.

Claims 1-5 are canceled.

The Abstract is amended, as the Examiner suggested. The title is amended, as requested by the Examiner.

No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references submitted in the September 12, 2008 Information Disclosure Statement.

The Office Action objects to the Declaration, asserting that the citizenship of one co-inventor is missing. A Supplemental Declaration is submitted herewith to supply the citizenship information. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the Declaration is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the specification. The Abstract and the title are amended, as outlined above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 7,142,392 to Ohtomo; and rejects claims 2-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ohtomo. These rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-5.

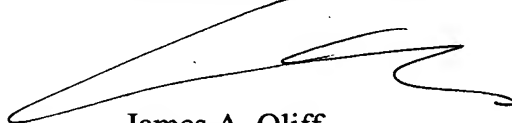
The Office Action rejects claims 2, 4, 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, asserting that claim 2 recites an enlarged range. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 2. Also, when incorporating the subject matter of claim 2 into

claim 6, this enlarged range is no longer recited. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 4, 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 6-9 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Supplemental Declaration  
Amended Abstract

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